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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, USIB

SUBJECT: Review of Priority National Intelligence Objectives  
(PNIO's)

REFERENCE: USIB-M-250, Item 4, 3 January 1963

1. The reference USIB action, in addition to requesting a revision of the latest draft PNIO's, agreed that a committee should review the basic concept, purpose and form of the PNIO's prior to the next six months' revision, but did not specify its composition.

2. Based on experience concerning this subject both in the intelligence community and at the NSC, and especially with Mr. Kirkpatrick's Joint Study Group, I believe that development of PNIO's with improved clarity and precision would contribute greatly to the coordination and guidance of the intelligence effort.

3. It is therefore proposed that the basic review called for in the reference be conducted by a select committee composed of the following key officials who have broad and varied backgrounds in this field:

Mr. Ray S. Cline, Deputy Director (Intelligence), CIA, Chairman  
Mr. Allan Evans, Deputy Director for Research, INR, State

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[redacted] Chief of Staff, DIA  
[redacted] Deputy Director, NSA

4. Each committee member would, of course, call for advice and assistance from all appropriate elements within his department or agency (including intelligence program planning, collection operations and analytical research components), as well as other USIB agencies and committees.

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5. Mr. Cline in CIA, Mr. Hughes and Mr. Evans in State [redacted] in DIA, and General [redacted] in NSA have concurred in this proposed committee, except that [redacted] wishes to consider it with his staff prior to the forthcoming USIB Meeting.

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6. I would be glad to sit with the committee and to make the services of the USIB Secretariat available to it.

7. If these proposals are acceptable to you, I recommend that you pre-sent them to the USIB at its meeting on 9 Jan [redacted]

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